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I wish to assure you that as soon as any new information concerning your son John and his companions comes to our attention, it will be made available to you.

With my kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

VIA:

Deputy Director (Plans) *mt* 31 OCT 1960

SUBJECT:

Reply to Mrs. Elizabeth VanDoeuren's
Letter of 16 October 1960

Affixed herewith for the Acting Director's signature is a suggested reply to Mrs. Elizabeth VanDoeuren's letter of 16 October, requesting that the Agency bring the information concerning the fate of her son and his companions to the attention of the International Criminal Police Organization.

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sf Desmond FitzGerald
Chief, Far East Division

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Letter to Mrs. VanDoeuren

cc: DDCI

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Dir.,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:-

I am enclosing an item from our local paper regarding "Interpol" and note that it is to meet in Washington for four days beginning Monday (Oct. 17th).

Please, Mr. Dulles, will you bring to their attention the disappearance of the Torr and crew, and beseech them to take the case and find out what has happened to our sons? You are familiar with the case, and know what heartbreak we, their parents, have endured these past two years and more; and I trust you will lend your support to a thorough investigation by "Interpol".

Thanking you for past courtesies shown us, I am, on behalf of Mr & Mrs. Peter Bohring, Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Farmer, Mrs. Gladys Martin, and myself,

Yours very sincerely
Elizabeth VanDorpen

Interpol Assembly To Meet In U.S.

By JAMES McCARTNEY
(CDNS Truth)

WASHINGTON — A year ago when Chicago crime syndicate mobster Tony Accardo undertook a European trip he found he had plenty of company—all the way.

Whether in London, Paris, Zurich, Milan, Venice, Rome, Nice, Barcelona, Madrid or Lisbon — everywhere that Tony went a man was sure to go.

The man, though, he changed from time to time and country to country — was always a "man from Interpol."

That's the catchword name for the intercontinental criminal police organization.

It's a group that is little known in the United States for two very good reasons.

One is that Interpol—which is a coined word that is supposed to be understood as hinting at "international police" in almost any language—has never been anxious to advertise itself or its methods.

Another is that the United States is one of Interpol's newest members.

The organization has been in existence since 1923 on one form or another, but the United States didn't formally affiliate until 1958.

Basically, Interpol is an international organization to provide a clearing house for police activities between countries.

Next week the United States will get its first first-hand look at Interpol.

The "general assembly" of the group, composed of representatives from 63 countries, is to meet in Washington for four days, beginning Monday.

It will be the first time Interpol has met on American soil.

But it may not shed too much light on Interpol activities. Only the formal opening session will be open to the public. After that meetings will be closed.

Reasons Are Clear

But the reasons for Interpol's existence and what it is trying to do are clear.

In the Accardo case, Interpol took on the job of keeping an eye on Accardo for the benefit of American police authorities who were understandably curious about what he was doing in Europe.

Shortly after Accardo checked into the most fashionable hotel in Rome, for example, he had a visitor.

A man named Domenico Roberto checked into the suite next door.

A man from Interpol went to work to find out who Roberto was. He found that he was deported from the United States in 1935 on the basis of a perjury conviction.

It was also learned that his criminal record included several arrests for murder and that at one time he was a member of the old Capone mob in Chicago.

This kind of information about Accardo's contacts was filtered back to police authorities in the United States.

It may have helped them to piece together new theories about Accardo's activities and those of the crime syndicate.

Different Kinds

Interpol performs any number of different kinds of police jobs.

Countries exchange records of known criminals, fingerprints and other means of identification and make arrests or keep an eye on suspects or criminals.

In brief, when the police of one country want a job done they can get it done through the police of another country through Interpol.

Until Interpol was set up they had to try to do things through regular diplomatic channels — and often that took weeks or months.

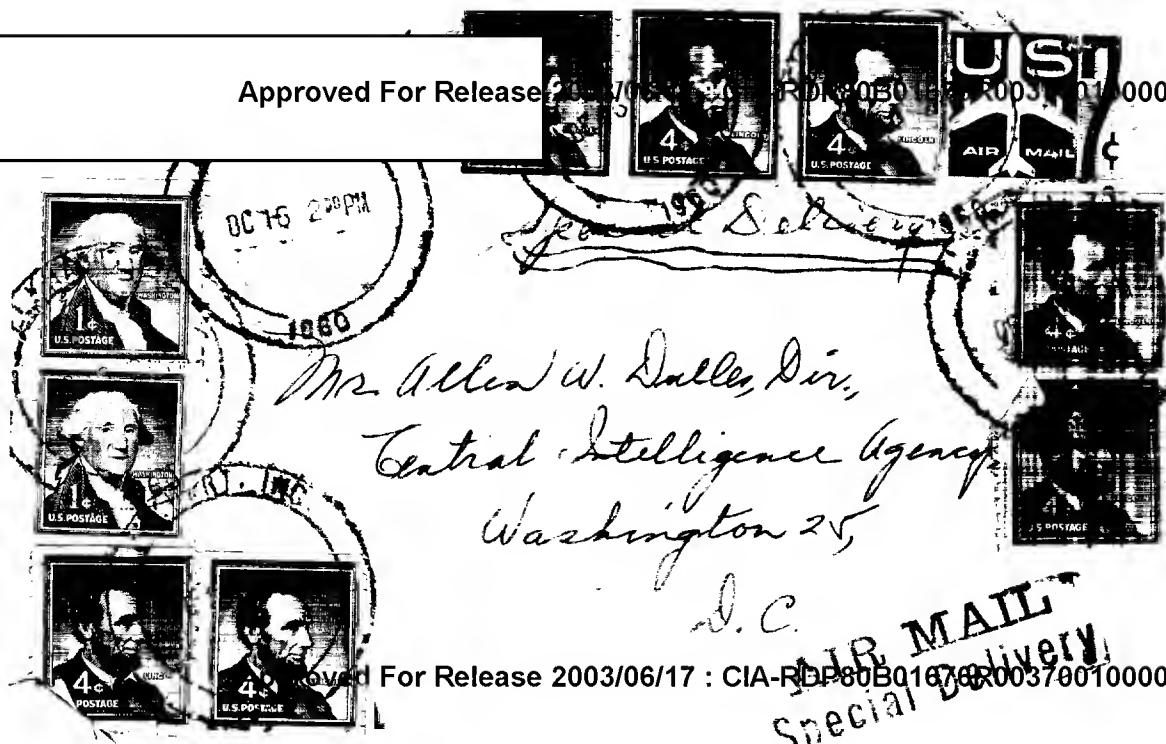
The result was that criminals — who can travel faster today than ever before — had a long head start whenever they crossed a national border.

The biggest jobs of Interpol are in such areas as narcotics, counterfeiting and smuggling.

But Interpol also tracks down murderers, white slavers and old fashioned con men.

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Remarks:

For comment and preparation of an appropriate reply. As you will recall, Mrs. van Doehren previously wrote the Director about her son who was lost in a boating trip [redacted] and this previous letter was forwarded to the Division for action.

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